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BOARD OF TRADE.

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Monetary and Commercial Review.

BALTIMORE, December 20, 1861.

Stocks were very quiet again to-day, but the market generally was rather firmer in tone than on yesterday. Sales were made at the Board of two small lots of Maryland 6's at 89 ex-dividend, but a small sale of 1870 coupons was made after the Board at 91¼ dividend on; 1870 coupons closed at the Board at 91 bid, and inscribed 1890's at 89¾ bid, 90 asked ex-dividend. Baltimore 6's were firmer, 1890's closing at 86 bid, an advance of ½ per cent., and 1875's at 86 bid. Baltimore and Ohio Railroad shares were $1 better, $46 being bid, and $50 asked for them, and the extra-dividend bonds, which closed yesterday at 45 bid, 49¾ asked, left off to day at 46 bid, 47¼ asked. Northern Central Railway shares closed to-day at $16¼ bid, $17 asked, but the bonds were firmer than on yesterday, 1885's closing at 60¾ bid, 61¼ asked. Baltimore Gas Co. closed as on yesterday at $100 bid, Canton Co. at 9¾ bid, and Springfield Mining Co. at $1.55 bid, $1.70 asked. Bank stocks were inquired for to-day, but no sales were made; $89 was bid for Merchants'; $52¾ for Union; $24 for Marine; $22 for Farmers' and Planters'; $32 for Commercial and Farmers full paid; $18 for Bank of Commerce; $13¾ for Mechanics', and $7¾ for Citizens'. There is an uneasy feeling in financial circles, and although money is still abundant, it is evidently difficult to effect loans than it was a week ago. Rates are however unchanged and paper still passes on the street at 6 per cent. for prime endorsed, and 9@12 per cent. for good single names. There is however very little endorsed paper offering on the street, most of it being taken by the banks. Call loans with good collaterals may still be quoted at 5@6 per cent.

The foreign Exchange rates are nominal, but holders are firm. We quote sterling to-day 110¾@111 for bankers', and 109¾@109¾ for commercial bills, and frames at 5.07¾ for short sight, and 5.10@5.12½ for 60-day bills. Bremen bills are quoted to-day at 80; Amsterdam at 41¾, Cologne at 73¾; Hamburg at 37, and Frankfort on the Main at 42.

The foreign imports into Baltimore for the week ending on Thursday, amount in value to $210,441, of which $8,912 were free, and $231,529 were duty-paying goods, and the exports from Baltimore for the same period amount in value to $108,202, against $204,977 last week. Included in the imports were 6,708 bbls. flour, 505 bbls. corn meal, 5,445 bushels corn, 18,579 bushels wheat, and 160 hhds. tobacco.

The Associated Firemen's Insurance Company of this city has declared a dividend of 6¾ per cent. for the last six months, payable 3d January, 1862. The Firemen's Insurance Company has declared a dividend of $2 per share for the last six months, payable on 3d January.

In New York to-day stocks were generally better, and the market closed firm. Virginia 6's advanced ¾; Missouri 6's ¾; Tennessee 6's ¾; Erie $1¾; New York Central ¾; and Reading ¾; Canton declined ¾; but North Carolina 6's, and Treasury notes closed at the same figures as on yesterday

SALES AT THE BALTIMORE STOCK BOARD.

FRIDAY, December 20, 1861.

$333 Maryland 6's ex dividend.....89

PRICES AND SALES OF STOCKS IN NEW YORK BY TELEGRAPH.

Through WILLIAM FISHER & SON, Stock and Bill Brokers, No. 22 South street.

	1st Board.	2d Board.
Virginia 6's.....	47¾	00
Missouri 6's.....	57¾	58¾
Tennessee bonds.....	41	00
North Carolina bonds.....	58	00
Canton Company.....	9¾	00
Erie Railroad.....	25¾	26¾
New York Central Railroad.....	75¾	76¾
Reading Railroad.....	32¾	32¾
Treasury notes 2 years 6 per cents...	99¾	00
	steady.	firm.

The New York *Times* of yesterday says:

The stock exchange, though still very much unsettled, is stronger to day than yesterday, by ¾@1 per cent., with rather a free disposition to buy on the recent decline The anxiety on the street this forenoon was quite marked to hear from Washington, but up to 1 o'clock the demands of the British Minister had not been communicated. Between the sessions of the board an adverse impression as to the nature of the demands upon the government was inferred from a sudden reaction of ¾@¾ per cent from the early price of New York Central, &c, but on the meeting of the second board this feeling was dissipated by the renewed demand for stocks generally at full rates of the morning session; New York Central, Erie, Pacific, Panama and Western roads were all firm, and the demand continued until the breaking up of the session. Later in the afternoon the general share list left off steady.

The New York *World* of yesterday says:

At the morning board the market opened with a more cheerful spirit, owing to the favorable impression produced by the news from Washington, and the conversations of Mr. Chase with our leading bankers, which expressed entire confidence in the peaceful settlement of difficulties with Great Britain respecting the Mason and Slidell affair. There was an active market and considerable amount of transactions. Holders were firm, and stocks not pressed for sale generally. It is probable that the large time sales during the past week will cause an advance in some of the more prominent speculative shares. The following comparison of stocks at the closing sales of yesterday: United States 5's, 1874, coupon, ¾; Tennessee ¾; North Carolina ¾; Missouri's 1½; Pacific Mail 1¾; New York Central ¾; Erie ¾; Preferred 1¾; Hudson River 1¾; Harlem ¾; Reading 1¾; Michigan Central 2¾; Michigan Southern ¾; Guaranteed ¾; Panama 2¾; Illinois Central 1; Cleveland and Pittsburg ¾; Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati ¾; Toledo 1¾; Rock Island 1¾, and Burlington and Quincy 1¾. Galena was sold, ex-dividend, at 63 to 63¾. At the second board Pacific Mail advanced ¾; Erie preferred ¾; Michigan Central ¾; Cleveland and Pittsburg ¾; Michigan Southern ¾; Panama ¾; Galena ¾; Toledo ¾, and Rock Island ¾, Illinois Central declined ¾. The market closed steady. Holders are firm, and not disposed to sell at present quotations.

REVIEW OF THE BALTIMORE MARKETS

FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 20.

ALCOHOL.—There is very little Alcohol here and we hear of no sales this week. We continue to quote 95 per cent. at 43@44 cts. per gallon.

APPLES.—Green Apples are scarce and firm at $3.75@4 per bbl., and we quote Dried do. at 7@8 cts. per lb.

ASHES.—Ashes are selling at New York at $5.62½ for Pot, and $5.50 per 100 lbs. for Pearl.

BREAD.—Bread is unchanged in price and it is still selling at 4¾ cts. for Navy; 5 cts. for Pilot; and 6¾ cts. for Water Crackers, into the usual discount.

BARK.—Quercitron Bark may be quoted at $17@20 for ordinary to fair, and $22 per ton, for prime. There is a good demand for prime, and all the lots offering have been taken up this week at $22, but for inferior qualities there is little or no demand.

BRIMSTONE.—There is no Brimstone here, but it is quoted in New York at $60 per ton for crude Sicily.

CHEMICALS.—Chemicals of all descriptions have advanced materially this week, and we now quote Soda Ash at 2¾@3 cts. for 80 per cent; Sal-Soda at 2@2¼ cts.; Bi-Carb Soda at 4¾@4¾ cts. for Newcastle; and Bleaching Powders at 3¼@3¾ cts. per lb. Crude saltpetre is now held at 18@20 cts. per lb., which is an advance of 8 to 10 cts. within a week. Nitrate Soda has also advanced and we now quote it at 5@6 cts. per lb. There have been sales here this week of 2,000 bags at 5 cts. per lb

CANDLES.—There are some Candles selling, but there is no activity in them. Adamantine are selling at 15@17¾ cts.; Chemical Sperm at 28@29 cts.; Sperm at 30@32 cts.; Paraffine at 22@25 cts.; and Patent Wax at 39@40 cts. per lb. Moulds may be quoted at 10@12 cts. for Western, and 12¾@15 cts. per lb. for Baltimore

COAL.—There is nothing doing in Cumberland Coal there being very little here, but Anthracite is active and very firm. It is selling by the cargo for steam purposes at $5.50, and from the yards for domestic use at $6 per ton of 2,240 lbs. The stock here is unusually light.

COPPER.—Copper has again advanced, and we now quote Baltimore refined Ingots at 25¾@25¾ cts. per lb. cash. Sales of 150,000 lbs. Lake Superior Ingots were made in New York this week at the above figures. Yellow Metal Sheathing has also advanced and we now quote it at 22 cts. per lb.

COFFEE.—There has been very little done this week in Coffee, but the market has throughout it been very buoyant, and a further advance of half a cent to a cent per lb. has been established in it. The sales, so far as we have heard, embrace only some 200 bags Rio at 18@18¼ cts., and 250 bags do. at 19 cts. per lb. There is very little Coffee offering, the bulk of the stock being withdrawn entirely from the market. There is no Rio now to be had under 19 cts., and most of the lots offering are held at 20 cts. per lb. The stock of Rio here is about 15,000 bags. We quote Laguayra nominal at 22 cts., and Java at 25 cts. per lb., but there is very little of either description here

COTTON.—There has been no movement in Cotton this week, the prices asked being so high as to deter spinners from buying. Middling Upland is held at 40 cts. per lb., and we quote this as the nominal rate for it to day.

FLOUR.—There has been a fair business done this week in Flour, but as compared with last week the market has been quiet. Prices have varied very little since last Friday, and the market closes to-day steady for all descriptions. The sales add up about 6,500 bbls. and they include 1,800 bbls. Ohio Extra at $6; 200 bbls. common Howard Street do. at $5 87½; 200 bbls. Howard Street cut Extra at $5.75; 100 bbls. Ohio do. at $5.62½; 1,050 bbls. Howard Street Super at $5.62½; 600 bbls. do. at $5.50; 200 bbls Ohio do. at $5.50; and 2,500 bbls. City Mills do. at $5 12½@5.25 per bbl. To-day we have heard of no sales, but Super closed steady at $5.50@5.62½ for Howard Street, the latter figure being for choice brands; $5.50 for Ohio; and $5.12½@5.25 per bbl. for City Mills; Extra was held with considerable firmness at $6 for Ohio and Howard Street; and $6.25@6.50 per bbl. for City Mills. The exports this week are as follows, viz:

To	bbls.
To Liverpool.....	1,400
" Rio de Janeiro.....	2,301
" Pernambuco.....	2,055
" Trinidad.....	675
" Nevis.....	277
Total.....	6,708

FAMILY FLOUR.—Family Flour is still selling by the drayload to the trade at $8.25 for the best brands Baltimore, $6.50@7 for Ohio and Howard Street, and Baltimore high grade Extra is bringing $7.75 per bbl.

RYE FLOUR.—There have been sales this week of 200 to 300 bbls. Rye Flour at $4.25 per bbl., which is a decline, and it closes to-day steady at this figure.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.—Buckwheat Flour is in fair demand, and it is selling in lots as wanted at from $1.75 to $2 25 per 100 lbs.

CORN MEAL.—We are not advised of any sales of Corn Meal this week, but we quote it steady at $3.20@3.25 per bbl. for both Baltimore and Brandywine. We note the export this week of 505 bbls.

The following are the inspections of Flour and Meal for the week ending December 19th, 1861:

	bbls.	hf. bbls.
Howard Street.....	5,939	....
City Mills.....	7,072	....
Ohio.....	4,628	....
Family.....	516	100
Total wheat Flour.....	18,875	100

Together with 570 bbls. Rye Flour, and 435 bbls. and 25 half bbls. Corn Meal.

GRAIN.—The receipts of Grain have been very heavy this week, the offerings amounting in the aggregate to nearly 300,000 bushels, against about 200,000 bushels last week. Wheat has through the week been dull and heavy, except for the very best description, but Corn, of which the receipts have been very large, has been in good demand, and prices for it have been well maintained. For Oats prices have also been well maintained, although the receipts have been larger than in any previous week this season. We note the export from this port this week of 18,579 bushels Wheat, and 5,445 bushels Corn.

WHEAT.—Wheat has been in comparatively light supply this week, the offerings amounting to only about 60,000 bushels, but the supply has been more than equal to the demand, and the market for it has throughout the week been dull and heavy. Prices have however varied but little during the week, the sales having mostly been made at from 120 to 125 cts. for fair to prime red, 100 to 115 cts. for common white, 120 to 125 cts. for medium to fair do., 140@145 cts. for good do., and 150@155 cts. for prime and choice do. To day red was in fair demand, and it sold at 120@123 cts. for good to prime, but white was exceedingly dull, good selling at 135@140 cts, and prime at 145@150 cts., but only to a limited extent.

RYE.—There have been about 2,500 bushels Rye at market this week, but it has nearly all changed hands at 60@70 cts. for Maryland, and 75@78 cts. for Pennsylvania, and it closes steady at these figures.

CORN.—Corn has been arriving very freely this week, and the receipts add up about 160,000 bushels The demand for it has, however, been active, and prices have been pretty well maintained The receipts have been mainly of new Corn, and it has sold generally at from 58 to 63 cts for both white and yellow. Old white has sold at 70@72 cts; and old yellow at 65@66 cts. To-day the sales of Corn were made at 59@61 cts. for new white; 72 cts. for old do., and 60@62 cts. for new yellow. There was no old yellow at market

OATS.—The receipts of Oats this week add up about 70,000 bushels They have, however, been in good demand, and nearly all the lots received have been disposed of. The sales during the early part of the week were made at 40@43 cts. for Virginia and Maryland, and 45 cts for Pennsylvania; but to-day Maryland sold at 39@45 cts., and Pennsylvania at 43@45 cts per bushel.

PEAS AND BEANS.—Black Eyed Peas are still selling at $1.75 per bushel for new crop, and we quote White Beans as ranging from $1.80 to 2.25 per bushel for ordinary to prime.

FEATHERS.—Feathers still range at from 30 to 45 cts. per lb., as in quality, but there is very little doing in them

FISH.—Fish are dull this week, but prices for them are unchanged, and we still quote Mackerel as follows, viz: at $9.50@10 for No. 1's; $7.50@7.75 for medium No. 2's; $5.50@5.75 for medium and large No. 3's; and $3.25@3.50 per bbl. for small do. Herrings are especially dull, but we still quote them at $1.75@2.25 for Madgalen and Halifax, and $4@4.50 per bbl. for Labrador. We quote Codfish as bef re at $3@3.75, and Hake at $1.75@2 per 100 lbs.

FRUIT.—Malaga Fruit is in active demand and quite firm Raisins are selling at $2 75 for whole boxes Layer, $3.45 for whole, $1.85 for half, and 95 cts. for quarter boxes bunch. There have been no direct imports here as yet, but they are arriving coastwise pretty freely. There are some Malaga Lemons here, which are held at $9 per box. We quote Figs at 9@10 cts.; Dates at 4¾@5 cts.; Currants at 10@12 cts. per lb. Cranberries are still selling at $9@10 per bbl.

GUANO.—The season for the sale of Guano is over, and there is now little or nothing doing in it. The Agents' price for Peruvian is still $60 per long ton, and dealers ask $55 for short, and $61 per long ton. We quote California or Slide Island Guano at $45@47; Ichaboe do. at $45@48; Somberero do. at $27; and A A Mexican do. at from $18 to $22 per ton of 2,240 lbs. Reese Manipulated Guano sells at $45; Maryland Company's Super Phosphate at $40@45; Whitelock & Co's. at $43; Turner's Excelsior, Rhodes' and Bellerg's Super Phosphate of Lime at $45; and Baugh's raw bone Phosphate at $45 per ton of 2,000 lbs.

GUNNY BAGS.—Gunny Bags are still selling at 13 cts. for small, and 16@18 cts. each for large.

GINSENG.—There is no Ginseng selling but we continue to quote it at 45@50 cts. per lb.

HEMP —Hemp is firm with an upward tendency. Manilla has advanced and it is now held at 7¾@8 cts. per lb. We quote American Hemp at $130@150 for rough, and $230@240 for dressed, and Russia do at $230 per ton. Jute has advanced very materially. It sold at Boston early in the week at $105, but sales were subsequently made at $120, and it is now held at $150 per ton.

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HAY AND STRAW.—Hay continues in active demand and firm at $18 per ton for good baled Timothy. The sales making are chiefly to the government. Straw is dull, but steady at $15 per ton for Rye.

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INDIGO.—Indigo is very firm at the quotations which are as follows, viz: $2 50 for Bengal; $2.25@2.50 for Kurpah; $2.20 for Guatemala; $1.25@1.50 for Madras; 75 cts. to $1.50 per lb. for Manilla.

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NAVAL STORES.—Naval Stores continue to advance, and we now quote Spirits Turpentine at $1.50 per gallon; Tar at $8@10; Pitch at $7, and Rosin $7@8 per bbl.

OILS.—Oils continue in moderate demand, but prices for them then are unchanged, and we still quote as follows, viz: Linseed, boiled, at 57@58 cts. for cash; 55@56 cts. for Virginia and Maryland, and 45 cts for Pennsylvania; but to-day Maryland sold at 50@55 cts., and Pennsylvania at 45@45 cts per bushel.

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